

Torrance, California.  
March 13th., 1934.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 13th., 1934.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ludlow at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of the regular meeting of February 27th., 1934, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of March 6th., 1934. Councilman Klusman moved the above minutes be approved as read and amended. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Montgomery Lumber Company expressing their thanks for the service rendered by the city.

A communication from the General Pipe Line Company of California was read enclosing a pipe laid statement for the six months' period ending December 31, 1933.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Veterans Relief Association inviting all public officials to their regular monthly entertainment on next Thursday night, March 15th., at the Military Academy at 8 p.m. sharp.

A communication from the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities was read inviting the Mayors, Councilmen and all City Officials to the Thirty-eighth regular monthly meeting of the League to be held in Culver City on Thursday, March 15, 1934.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company requesting permission to extend recent improvement of a strip along the westerly side of and contiguous to the Pacific Electric spur track in Border Avenue. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for the improvement of the strip as requested by the Pacific Electric be granted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Wright not voting.

A communication and agreement from the Division of Highways were read providing for the expenditure of the 1/4-cent gas tax allocation accruing to City of Torrance. Attorney Rippy introduced and read title to

#### RESOLUTION NO. 616

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN AGREEMENT

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 616 be adopted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Wm. Seidel, 1834 Camino Real, Hermosa Beach, California, requesting permission to operate a dance hall and refreshment booth at the hall over the Safeway Store on Carson Street, for a period of three months for the license fee of \$6.00 and agreeing to pay the remainder of \$18.00 for the period of nine months in the event that the venture proves successful. Councilman Hitchcock moved this license be granted. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Wright not voting.

Mayor Ludlow explained that the Recreational Committee had held a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at which time Mr. Bernard J. Donahue had tendered his resignation as director and that the committee had appointed Miss Odell in his place to become effective March 16th., 1934, at the same wage. Councilman Hitchcock moved we accept Mr. Donahue's resignation and the appointment of Miss Odell as director. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that there was nothing definite to report as yet concerning the location of the paper mill which was referred to his committee.

Councilman Hitchcock also reported that the improvement of 236th. Street had been taken care of as well as the request that an overhead light be installed on that street.

Engineer Leonard stated in connection with the request from property owners on 236th. Street, the Gas Company had submitted a statement that they would install 450 ft. of gas main leaving 65 ft. to be paid for by the consumers at 70¢ a foot or \$46.15 be deposited before the main could be placed. He also stated that a letter from the Gas Company in regard to the matter would be forwarded to the Council.

Attorney Rippy read the title of

#### WEED ORDINANCE NO. 247

Councilman Klusman moved we waive the further reading of Ordinance No. 247. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Stanger moved that Ordinance No. 247 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read the title of

ORDINANCE NO. 250

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND  
PENAL SUMS OF OFFICIAL BONDS OF  
CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Stanger moved we waive the further reading of Ordinance No. 250. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 250 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy read the title of

PARKING ORDINANCE NO. 251

Councilman Wright moved that Ordinance No. 251 be not adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Klusman called attention to the parking stripes on each side of the theater as well as on the Sartori Avenue side of the park. Also recommended a loading zone in front of stores each side of theater. Councilman Stanger moved the Police Department be instructed to paint the curbs in conformity with the State Law in the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

It was stated the oilfield ordinance will be brought up at next meeting.

Councilman Klusman inquired about the water bonds. Mayor Ludlow reported no new developments. Mayor Ludlow reported for the Metropolitan Sewer District that Engineer Warren had been sent to Washington to see what could be done.

Councilman Wright brought up the subject of the South Torrance Lighting District overcharge. City Clerk Bartlett explained that this would be adjusted in the tax rate for the district at the time the next budget is set.

Mayor Ludlow read a letter from the Southern California Telephone Company quoting prices for fire alarm extensions. He stated the Fire Commission wants to work out a better agreement.

Mayor Ludlow stated more hydrants are needed at certain important points, and the fire commission recommends placing four hydrants at this time. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the four fire hydrants be placed at the most important places. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow stated that the Fire Chief suggested a fire hydrant of Mr. Quandt's be relocated or will be taken off rental service. Councilman Stanger moved the City Clerk notify Mr. Quandt. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow stated our Police Department reports that Verginia Esparza in Pueblo is operating a disreputable place and requests her license be revoked. Councilman Stanger moved Verginia Esparza be notified that it is the intention of the City Council to revoke the license and for her to appear next meeting to show cause why it should not be revoked. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow stated he had been requested by the Veterans Relief Association to see if they could not get underwear and clothing in addition to food given them, that this was being done in some States. Engineer Leonard stated he called up the State Relief Association and found that in this State there is no fund provided for cloth and materials. It would have to come through the County Welfare Division.

Mayor Ludlow stated he had talked with Mr. Quinn regarding widening of Western Avenue bridge and was assured that as this was a very dangerous place this project was on the program.

Mayor Ludlow inquired about the State Highway program and Engineer Leonard said Mayor Clarke of Redondo had reported that the work would be started as soon as the State had finished plans and new alignments.

Engineer Leonard stated complaint had been received that a water tank on the Quandt property overflowed frequently and requested some action by the Council in regard to same. Councilman Hitchcock moved Mr. Quandt be notified and also call his attention to a fire hydrant which had to be changed. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Oral Communications:

Mr. Nelson called attention to a defective fire hydrant at Pueblo. Councilman Hitchcock moved we authorize the Clerk to write Mr. Isenstein if found necessary after Mr. Stevenson's report. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Wright and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

A. H. Bantel  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

L. R. Ludlow  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.